Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1875, St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Fairfax, South Dakota, saw its beginnings, but the actual work on the building began in 1904; and,

Whereas, Bishop Stariha of Lead, South Dakota, dedicated the first church on June 4, 1905, which was destroyed by a tornado in 1918; and,

Whereas, The second church was built on the same sight in 1919, was destroyed by a fire in 1941, repaired and remodeled, and later torn down to be rebuilt; and,

Whereas, The present day St. Anthony's Catholic Church was dedicated by Bishop Dimmerling and the current pastor, Father Janusz Korban, serves 64 active adult members and 2 members that reside in a nursing home; and,

Whereas, The St. Anthony's Catholic Church has had a presence in Fairfax for 100 years, and special recognition will be given to the past and present members of this congregation who have faithfully conducted and carried out the wishes of the original founders of the church; and,

Whereas, The 100th Anniversary celebration of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Fairfax will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2005, with a special mass celebrated by Bishop Blase Cupich to recognize and honor this important occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2005, as

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CENTENNIAL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State